

ARTICLES TO BE MINISTRED, ENQVIRED OF, AND ANSWERED:

In the first Visitation of the Right Reverend
Father in GOD, ROBERT by Gods
Divine providence, LORD Bishop of
BRISTOL.

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The tenour of the oath to be ministred to
the Church-Wardens and Sworne-men.

Y Our oath is that, you the Church-Wardens for your parts, and you the Side-men for your parts, shall well and faithfully execute and performe your severall places and offices respectively, for this your Parish for this yeare following in all things according to the use and custome there and the Law in that behalfe: And also duely and truely to present all such Crimes and Offences (punishable by the Lawes Ecclesiastical of this Land) which, upon view and consideration of these Articles given you in charge, by fame, report, or otherwise (by your diligent inquiry) shall come to your knowledge or notice: All favour and affection, hatred and malice, or sinister respect set apart: So helpe you God in Jesus Christ.

Of Divine Service and administration of the Sacraments.

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Prophaning the Sabbath & Holy-dayes.

Bread and
Wine for the
Communion.

9 Item, whether the Church-Wardens do provide against every Communion with aduice of the Minister a sufficient quantity of the finest white Bread and the best and most wholesome Wine, for the number of the Communicants that shall receiue, as is required by the 20. Canon.

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the Commu-
nion Table.

10 Item, whether is the Wine brought to the Communion Table, in a cleane standing pot or sSCOPE of pewter, if not of purer mettle, as is required in the aforesaid 20. Canon.

Ministring &
receiuing the
holy Commu-
nion.

11 Item, whether your Minister doth administer the holy Communion, so often, and at such times as that every Parishioner may receiue the same at least thrice in every yere, whereof once at Easter as by the Book of Common Prayer is appointed: and whether doth your Minister receiue the same himselfe on every day before that he administreth it to others, and vse the words of the institution according to the Book of Common Prayer every time that the Bread or Wine is renewed in such manner & forme as by the promise of the 21. Canon is directed, or wherein is he faulty, and whether is warning giuen by him before hand for the Communion, as the 22. Canon requireth.

Kneeling at
the Commu-
nion.

12 Item, whether doth your Minister administer the said Communion to any that doth not humbly kneele at the receiuing of the same, & what are the names of them that refuse to kneele at the receiuing thereof.

Offenders not
to be admitted

13 Item, whether hath your Minister admitted any notozious offenders or Schismatics to the Communion, contrary to the 26. or 27. Constitutions.

Unlawfull
marriages.

14 Item, whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, without license from the Archbishop, the Bishop of the Diocesse or his Chancelor, solemnize marriage betwixt any parties, the Banes not being three seuerall Sundies or Holy-daves first published in time of Diuine Service in the seuerall Churches or Chappels of their seuerall abode, according to the Book of Common Prayer, and that also betweene the houres of eight and twelue in the forenoone: And farthermore, whether hath your Minister since the last Canons published, solemnized any marriage betwixt any persons, being under y age of xxi. yeares, although the Banes be thrice asked, before such time as their parents haue made knowne unto him their consent thereunto, and whether hath he married any of another Diocesse, who are they and by what authority & when. Canon 62.

Bid Fasting
dayes and
Holy-dayes.

15 Item, whether your Parson, Vicar or Curate, doe every Sunday bid Holy-daves, and Fasting dayes, as by the Book of Common Prayer is appointed, according to the 64. Canon.

Visiting the
sicke.

16 Item, whether is your Minister painefull in visiting the sick, according to the Book of Common Prayer, and as is required by the 67. Canon.

17 Item, Doth

- 7 Item, Doth your Minister vse the forme of thanksgiving to God after child-birth, and whether hath he admitted any therunto that be gotten with child in adultery or fornication, without license of Ordinary: And whether haue any married wiues refused to come to Church, according to the Booke of Common Prayer to giue God thanks after child-birth, in such vsuall and decent manner as anciently hath bene accustomed: If any be faulty herein you shall present their names.
- 8 Item, whether is there any stranger of any other Parish, admitted to receiue the Communion in your Parish, contrary to the 28. Canon, and whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion in any priuate house, except it be in the time of necessity, contrary to the 71. Canon.
- 9 Item, whether doth your Minister appoint any publike or priuate fasts without lawfull authority contrary to the 72. Canon.
- 10 Item, whether are there any priuate meetings, assemblies, or conuenticles either by day or by night, vsed or had within the Parish by any Minister or Ministers, or any lay persons tending to faction or schisme; declare the parties names, the places where, the times when, and how often haue you knowen any such meetings, assemblies, or conuenticles, contrary to the 73. Canon.
- 11 Item, whether doth your Minister weare the Surplesse whilst he is saying the publike Prayers, and administering the Sacraments: and if he weare any Grauat whether then doth he also weare vpon his Surplesse during the time aforesaid such a Hood as by the order of the Antiersty is agreeable to his degree, as is required by the 58. Canon.
- 12 Item, whether doth your Minister on euery Sunday and Holy-day halfe an houre and more, examine and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of his Parish, in the Ten Commandements, Articles of beliefe, and in the Lords Prayer, as also in the Catechisme set forth in the Booke of Common Prayer: And whether Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Mistresses cause their childzen, seruants, and appzentices to come thither to heare, and to be instructed and taught therein, and those that doe not their duties herein you shall present their names, as is required in the 59. Canon.
- 13 Item, whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, frequent Tavernes and Ale-houses, or is giuen to drunkennesse, dicing, carding, or other vnlawfull games, forbidden by the 75. Canon.
- 14 Item, whether doth your Minister prepare childzen for Confirmation, according to the 61. Canon.
- 15 Item, whether is there any in your Parish that will come to heare

Thanksgiving after child-birth.

No stranger to be admitted

Fasts without authority.

Unlawfull Conuenticles.

Surplesse and Hood.

Catechise.

Drunkennesse in Ministers.

Confirmation of Children.

Commers to
Preaching, but
not to Praying.

All resort to
the Church
and receiue
thrice a yeare.

ii Perambulation.

Fift of No-
vember.

Signe of the
Crosse in
Baptisme.

Refuse to chris-
ten or bury.
No communi-
cants, no God-
fathers.

A prayer for
the King.

Impugners of
Rights and
Ceremonies.

Articles of
Religion.

Impugners of
Church go-
vernement.

Sermons, that will not come to heare publike prayers, appointed by Book of Common Prayer, making a schisme, or diuision betwene vse of publike prayer and preaching.

26 Item, whether do all persons aboue the age of sixtene yeares vsu-
ly resort to heare Diuine Service vpon Sundayes and Holy-dayes ap-
pointed: and whether haue each one of your Parishioners (being aboue
the age of sixtene yeares aforesaid) receiued the holy Communion this
last yeare, and chiefly once at Easter last in your Parish Church
kneeling; if no, then you shall present their names which haue not
done, Canon 21.

27 Item, whether your Minister and Parishioners vse perambulation
according to the appointment of the Church.

28 Item, whether is the Fifth day of November obserued and kept
fixall, as by a speciall Act of Parliament in that case prouided is ap-
pointed.

29 Item, whether doth your Minister vse to signe the children with
the signe of the Crosse when they are baptized, according to the Book
Common Prayer, and as is required by the 30. Canon.

30 Item, whether doth your Minister christen and bury as is enioyned
in the 68. and 69. Canons.

31 Item, whether any person whosoener, who hath not communicated
be admitted to be a Godfather or Godmother, contrary to the Law and
29. Canon.

32 Item, whether doth your Minister vse to pray for the Kings Ma-
sty, King Charles, Quene Mary, Prince Charles, and for the rest of the
King and Quenes royall Progenie, and exhort the people to obedience
to his Majesty and other Magistrates being in authoritie vnder his
Canon 55.

33 Item, whether is there any in your Parish that impugne-
th against the Rites and Ceremonies established in the Church
England, or the lawfull vse of them, you shall present their names, con-
trary to the 6. Canon.

34 Item, whether is there any in your Parish that doth impugne any
of the Articles of Religion, agreed vpon in Anno Domini, 1562. and estab-
lished in the Church of England.

35 Item, are there any in your Parish, that do impugne the gouerne-
ment of the Church of England vnder the Kings most Excellent Majesty
by Arch-bishops, Bishops, Deanes, Arch-deacons, and the rest that
beare office in the same, affirming the same is antichristian, or repug-
nant to the Word of God, contrary to the 7. Canon.

36 Item, whether is there any in your Parish that doth separate him-
self

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- from the Church of England, and combine himselfe with any other new brother-hood, accounting those that are confor[m]able to the state Ecclesiasticall, in Doctrine, Government, and Ceremonies, unmet to be with him in Christian profession, contrary to the 9. Canon.
- Item, whether is there any in your Parish that doth maintaine such a use to subscribe to the forme of Gods worship in the Church of England, prescribed in the Communion Booke, contrary to the 10. Canon.
- Item, whether is your Minister Resident with you upon his benefice, or for how long time hath he bene absent: and where is he resident the most part, and what other Benefice hath he? Canon 41.
- Item, whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, preach usually according to the Constitutions, either in his owne Cure, or else in some other Church or Chappell nere adioyning, wherein no Preachers are: how oft hath he bene negligent in that behalfe. Canon 45.
- Item, whether doth your Minister or Curate serve any more Cures than one: if yea, then what other Cure doth he serve contrary to the 45. Canon.
- Item, whether doth your Parson, or Vicar, not being a Preacher, procure monethly Sermons to be preached by some licensed Preacher, as is required by the 46. Canon, and when there is no Sermon doth he de the Homilies prescribed by authority.
- Item, whether doth your Parson or Vicar, being Canon of any Cathedral or Collegiat Church, (and not a Residentiary) absent himselfe from his Benefice with Cure, above the space of a moneth in the year, unlesse it be for some urgent cause allowed by the Bishop of the diocese, contrary to the 44. Canon.
- Item, whether any person hath bene admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell, but such as you haue knowne to haue bene sufficiently licensed.
- Item, hath any bene suffered to preach in your Church, or Chappell without shewing his license to the Minister or Church-Wardens, and subscribing his name, as the 50. and 52. Canons require.
- Item, whether doth your Lecturer and Preacher, your Parson or Vicar although they chiefly attend to preaching, reade Divine Service, and administer the Sacraments in his owne person twice every year, observing all the Ceremonies in the Book of Common Prayer established.
- Item, whether doth your Parson, Vicar or Lecturer preach any Sermon or Collation in your Parish Church upon Sundayes, and Holydayes in the afternone, but upon some part of the Catechisme, or some Text

Separates and
new brother-
hood.

Following
unlicensed
preachers.

Residence.

Preaching ac-
cording to the
Canons.

More Cures
than one.

Monethly
Sermons.

Absence from
Benefice.

None to
preach with-
out license.

Strange prea-
chers to sub-
scribe their
names.

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Service twice
a yeare.

His Maiesties
direction for
Preachers.

Text

Tert taken out of the Creed, Ten Commandements, or the Prayer, (Funerall Sermons onely excepted) according to his Majesties directions, by his Highnesse Letters, dated August 4. 1622. commanding to be observed: and whether doth every Preacher performe all other Majesties directions by the said Letters required to be performed, or not declare wherein they or any of them have offended, what is his Christian name, surname, and place of his abode, who hath so offended, contrary to the 56. Canon.

Refusers of the
Communion.
&c.
Because their
Minister is no
Preacher.

47 Item, Is there any in your Parish that refuseth to have their children baptized, or themselves to receive the Communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no Preacher: you shall present their names to the Bishop. And if your Minister since the publishing of the said Book of Canons hath received any such persons (being not of his owne Cure) to the Communion, or baptized any of their children: you shall likewise present him, as the 57. Canon requireth.

Opposition
betweene
preachers.

48 Item, whether hath your Parson, Vicar or Curate endeavoured to confute any Doctrine delivered by any other Preacher in the said Church, or any other nere adjoining, before he hath acquainted the Bishop of the Diocese therewith, and received order from him what to do in that case, according to the 53. Canon.

Running after
Schismaticall
preachers.

49 Item, whether hath any of your Parish of late followed straggling Preachers, unlicensed, suspended, or schismaticall, from parish to parish, or present the parties, and the places to which they resorted.

Decencie in
apparell, and
sobriety in
conuersation.

50 Item, whether doth your Minister use such decencie and comeliness in his apparell, as by the 74. Constitution is inioyned: and whether he be of sober conversation.

Things appertaining to the Church.

Books necessa-
ry for the
Church.

51 Item, whether have you provided the Bible of the new translation set forth by the Kings authority, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Book of Homilies, as the 8. Canon requireth.

A Font.

52 Item, whether you have in your Church or Chappell a Font of Stone, set up in the ancient usual place, as the 81. Canon requireth.

Communion
Table, &c.

53 Item, whether you have a decent Communion Table, with a carpet of Silke, or some other decent stuffe, and a faire linnen cloth to lay thereon at convenient times as the 82. Canon requireth.

Conuenient
placing of the
Communion
Table.

54 Item, whether is the same Table then placed in such convenient sort within the Chancell or Church, as the Minister may be best heard in his prayer, and administration of the Sacraments.

55 Item, whe

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55 Item, whether all the ten Commandments are set upon the East end of the Church or Chappell where the people may best see them, and reade them, and other sentences of Scripture written upon other places of the walls also to that purpose, as the aforesaid 28. Canon requireth. Ten Com-
mandments.

56 Item, whether you have a convenient seat for your Minister to reade Service, together with a comely Pulpit set up in a convenient place, with a decent cloath or colthion for the same, a comely large Surplice, a faire comely cup of gold, silver, or other pure mettle, and a cover agreeable for the same, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of Divine Service, and administration of the Sacraments, as the 33. Canon requireth. Seate and
Pulpit, &c.
Surplice.

57 Item, whether you have a Chest for Almes with a hole in the upper part thereof and three keyes, &c. as the 34. Canon requireth. A Chest for
Almes.

58 Item, whether both your Minister diligently from time to time, and especially when men make their last Wills and Testaments, call upon exhort, and move their neighbours to convert, and give as they may well spare to the said chest, as they are required by the aforesaid 34. Canon. Moue for
workes of
Charity.

59 Item, whether do you know, or have heard of any Legacie by any mans Will or gift otherwise, given to the poore, to the Church, or any other help bles, and not performed or bestowed according to his Will and gift. Gift or Lega-
cie.

60 Item, whether is your Church or Chappell, with the Chancell thereof and Church yard kept in good reparation, and in decent and comely fashion as well within as without, as in paving of the Church, maintaining of Seats, whitening, glazing, tiling, walling, raftering, &c. as is required in the 85. Canon. Reparations
of Church.

61 Item, whether have you a Terrior of gleiblands, tithes, and other possessions belonging to the Church, Parsonage, or Vicaridge by the view of honest men of your Parish by the appointment of the Bishop, so, as the Parson or Vicar be one, and whether is the same laid up in the Bishops Registry, as the 87. Canon requireth. Terrior of
Lands, &c.

62 Item, whether is your Church or Chappell prophaned by any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Church-ales, drinkings, which are forbidden in the 88. Canon. Prophaning of
the Church.

63 Item, whether you have in your severall Church or Chappell, the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiasticall ready to be read by your Minister, according to his Majesties pleasure published by his Highnesse authority under the Great Seale of England. Booke of
Canons.

64 Item, whether is your Parsonage or Vicaridge house, and all houses thereunto belonging, kept in decent and good repaire, both in tiling, glazing, walling, &c. Reparations
of the Mini-
sters houses.

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Register Book. 65 Item, whether is there in your Church or Chappell, one parchment Register Book provided for christnings, marriages, and burials: and whether is the same duely and exactly kept, according to the constitutions in that behalfe provided.

Of Schoole-masters.

Teaching
without Li-
cense.

66 Item, Doth any take upon him to teach Schoole either private or publike in your Parish, without speciall license of his Ordinary, or teach any other Catechisme then what is allowed contrary to the 79 Canon.

Curates to
teach if they
will.
Sobriety of
Schoole-ma-
sters.

67 Item, whether is there any that teacheth in the Parish, where the Curate is desirous to teach himselfe, contrary to the 78. Canon.

68 Item, whether doth your Schoole-master teach his Schollers any other Grammer then that which is allowed by publike authority: whether doth he instruct them both in termes and good manners as diligently as he ought to doe; without giuing himselfe to excessive drinking: or keeping disorderly or suspected company, or giuing any other euill example of life.

Of Popish Recusants.

Popish
Schoole-
masters.

69 Item, whether doe any Popish Recusants, or any other keepe any Schoole-master in their house which commeth not to Church, to heare Diuine Service and receiue the Communion, what is his name and how long hath he taught.

Recusants.

70 Item, how many Inhabitants within your Parish, men or women aboue sixtē yeeres of age be Popish Recusants, or doe refuse to frequent Diuine Service, established by publike authority of this Realme, or to receiue the holy Communion, what be their names, and of what degree, state or trade of life are they.

How long
haue they bin
Recusants.

71 Item, how long the said Popish Recusants haue obstinately abstained either from Diuine Service or from the Communion, as is aforesaid, whether any long time, or onely since his Majesties Reigne, or hath any lately become Popish Recusants, and how long hath he or she bene such Recusants.

Recusants se-
ducing others.

72 Item, whether any of the said Popish Recusants be of insolent behaviour, and doe busse themselves in seducing of others from the Religion which is established by publike authority in the Church of England, and whether they do instruct their children, or cause them to be instructed in Popish Religion, what be their names that so doe,

73 Item, whe-

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73 Item, whether be any Popish Recusants married, or any of their children christened, or any Recusant buried within your Parish by any other then the Minister of your Parish, where, when and by whom, and whether doth any of their children remaine unbaptized above the space of a moneth.

Papists Recusants married, christened, buried, &c.

74 Item, whether is your Minister a Preacher or sufficiently qualified, and if he be, whether doth he from time to time offer quiet and temperate conference, to reclaim the Popish Recusants from their errors, and whether they, or any of them doe refuse such conference with your Minister or any other Preacher, who shall present unto them his diligence in that behalfe.

Ministers to reclaim Recusants,

Of excommunicate Persons.

75 Item, what persons are there in your Parish that remains excommunicate for any crime, what be their names, and for what cause and how long have they stood so excommunicate.

Who stand excommunicate,

76 Item, whether doth your Minister every six moneths denounce in his Parish such as doe persevere in the sentence of excommunication, not seeking to be absolved: and whether hath he admitted into the Church any person excommunicate, without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary or his Substitute.

Denounce excommunicate persons.

77 Item, whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, hath celebrated and said Divine Service and prayers in the Church when any person hee knew to be excommunicated or denounced for an excommunicate person, was present in the same Church, at that time among the Congregation, and whether he hath suffered any excommunicate person (being a member cut off from the Church and Christian society) to be partaker of those prayers, and hath not commanded the Church Wardens of the Parish, or some other, to put him out of the Church, or otherwise ceased from saying any Divine Service, during the time of any such excommunicated person thereat and present, who hath offended herein, and how often.

Excommunicate persons not to be present at publique prayer in the Church.

78 Item, whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, or any your Churches or Chappels having received any excommunication, suspension, or aggravation from his Ordinary, or his Substitute, against any of their Parishioners, have presumed to make stay of, & not publish such excommunication, suspension, or aggravation, according to the Tenor thereof, the next Sunday or Holy-day after the receipte of the same in your Church or Chappell, at the time of Divine Service, if any be faulty herein, present their names, and how oft default hath bene made in that behalfe.

Staying the publication of excommunicate persons.

Of Church-Wardens, Quest-men, and Side-men.

Choice of
Church-War-
dens,
Consent in
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Church-War-
dens.
Church-War-
dens Accounts.

79] Item, whether your Church-Wardens be chosen in Easter-week according to the 11. Canon.

80 Item, whether were your Church-Wardens and Quest-men chosen by the consent of the Minister and the Parishioners as the 89. Canon requireth.

81 Item, whether haue your Church-Wardens befoze you giuen by last Account for their time, and delivered unto you their successors, whatsoever money or other things of Right belongeth to the Church that was in their hands, as the aforesaid 89. Canon requireth.

Of other common disorders, crimes and scandals to be presented by Church-Wardens and Side-men.

Incontinent
persons,
Adulterers,
Swearers, &c.

82] Item, whether you haue any in your Parish to your knowledge, or by common fame or report, which haue committed adultery fornication, or incest, which haue not beene publickly punished, to your knowledge, if yea, then with whom, or any man that hath attempted the chastity of any woman, or hath solicited any woman, to the intent to haue carnall knowledge of her body, or any in your Parish to be Bawds, or receivers, or conueyers away of any such persons, or suspected of any the crimes aforesaid, are there any that are, or by common report and fame, are reputed and taken to be such persons, or to be common drunkards, blasphemers of Gods holy Name, common and vsuall swearers, sycophanticall persons, fighters, brawlers or quarrellers, in Church, or Church-yard: you shall not faile to present their names, 109. Canon.

Harbouring
incontinent
persons.

82 Item, whether haue any in your Parish receiued, or harboured any women being with child, out of wedlock, and suffered them to depart againe without punishment first inflicted on them by their Ordinary, you shall truly present as well the party harbouring, as harboured, and who is suspected to be father of her child.

Incontinent
persons esca-
ping unpun-
ished.

83 Item, whether any person or persons suspected or detected heretofore of incontinency, and therfore departed out of your Parish, is againe returned thither, or in what other place is he, or she now abiding, as you know, or haue heard: whether he or she haue escaped without penance by what meanes, or by whose meanes you shall present the whole truth in that behalfe.

Wills.

84 Item, whether are there in your Parish, any Wills not yet p[ro]uved, you

Articles.

Shall not faile to present the Greecatozs, and all other faulty and
pable therein.

85 Item, whether doe you, and euery of you diligently see, that all the
Parishioners doe duely resort to their Church euery Sunday and Holy-
day; and there continue the whole time of Diuine Seruice, and none to
like, and stand idle, or talke in the Church or Church porch or Church-
yard, during that time: and whether doe all the Parishioners and their
families, accordingly frequent their Parish Church, and there behaue
themselves, soberly, attentiuely and decently all the time of Diuine Ser-
uice, yea, or no, if no then you shall present their names, as the aforesaid
Canon requireth.

Resorters to
Churches.

86 Item, whether your Minister in his Church or Chappell, doth read
the Booke of Constitutions, or Canons Ecclesiasticall set forth by his
Majesties authority, or any part thereof upon certaine Sundaeles or Ho-
dayes in the afternone, after Diuine Seruice yea, or not.

Reading the
Canons.

87 Item, Do you know any of your Parish, that doth disturbe the Mi-
nister during Diuine Seruice, or preaching, either by walking, talking,
or other noise, contrary to the 111. Canon.

Disturbers of
the Minister.

88 Item, whether haue the not Communicants at Easter last past,
bene presented to the Bishop, or his Chancelloz, by their names
and surnames, as well men as women, being of the age of sixtene
yeres, withyn forty dayes after Easter aforesaid, according to the 112.
Canon.

Not Commu-
nicants at Ea-
ster to be pre-
sented to the
Bishop or his
Chancellor.

89 Item, whether hath any person in your Parish, quarrelled or
stricken, or bled any violence vnto, or with your Minister, or any other
in the Church or Church yard, or bled himselfe disorderly in the Church
by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and inmodest be-
haviour.

Abuse or stri-
king of the Mi-
nister.

90 Item, whether you know in your Parish any Witches, Southsay-
ers, Conturers, Charmers, Sorcerers, or any that be suspected for such
persons, present their names, and what hurt they haue committed.

Witches and
such like, &c.

91 Item, doe you know any Patron, or Adowsoner, in your Parish,
who hath made gaine, directly, or indirectly, by any colour, deceit, or
Simoniacall compact, in bestowing his benefice for gaine, receiuing mo-
ney, or promise of a lease of the whole or part, or by reseraing his own
tithes or any pension to himselfe or any other.

Simoniacall
patrons.

92 Item, whether any women of your Parish hath exercised the office
of a Midwife and not taken a corporall oath, vpon the holy Euangelists,
before the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, or his Chancelloz or deputy, to
observe all such Orders and Articles, as ought to be by her observed
concerning the execution of the said office.

Midwives not
sworne.

Articles.

- How many midwives.** 93 Item, how many Midwives haue you in your Parish which doe exercise that office, how long haue they so done, and by what authoritie what be their names, of what skill are they accounted to be of, in the office and vocation.
- Physicians and Surgions.** 94 Item, how many haue you in your Parish, that doe practise as Physicians, or Chirurgions: how long haue they so done: by what authoritie: of what skill are they accounted to be in that their profession.
- Hospitals and almshouses.** 95 Item, whether there be any Hospitals, or Almshouses in your Parish, and whether the same be blessed, kept, and ordered according to the Foundation, Lawes, and Statutes thereof, and in whom the fault that they are not so blessed and kept.
- Lay persons executing the office of a Minister in the Church.** 96 Item, hath any presumed to execute the Office of a Minister or Deacon in your Churches, and to say and celebrate the Divine Service there, or to serue the Cure of your Parish, not being a Minister, or Deacon: And whether any Deacon hath presumed to minister the Sacraments in any your Churches, not having first receiued the full Order of Priesthood: if yea, present what his name is, where he dwelleth, and how often he hath offended herein.
- Simoniacall payment, &c.** 97 Item, whether haue your Parson, Vicar, or Curate made any Simoniacall payment, or deuise for his preferment to your knowledge.
- Any thing else.** 98 Item, doe you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall Cognizance worthy the presentment in your Iudgement, which you hold fit to be reformed: if you doe, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your Oathes aforesaid.

Parish Clarke.

- Choice of the Clarke.** 99 Item, whether is your Clarke chosen by any but by your Minister: And doth your Minister publish the said choyce the Sunday after he hath made the said choice.
- Age and honest conversation of the Clarke.** 100 Item, Is your Clarke of twenty yeares of age at least, of honest conversation, sufficient for reading and writing, and singing.
- Clarke's wages.** 101 Item, Doth the Clarke receiue his accustomed wages either at the hands of the Church Wardens, or otherwise, as the custome of the Parish is, according to the 91. Canon.

Of Marriages.

- Marriage within the degrees prohibited.** 102 Item, whether is there any in your Parish that hath married within the degrees prohibited by the Lawes of God, and expressed in a Table set forth by authoritie, Anno Dom. 1563.

103 Item, whe-

Articles.

3 Item, whether haue you the said Table publickly set vp, and fixed
our Church, according to the 99 Canon.

Of Diuorces.

Item, whether is there any in your Parish, that hath had sentence
for Diuorce, vpon the sole confession of the parties, contrary to
105. Canon. Sentence for
Diuorce.

5 Item, whether hath the said sentence of Diuorce bene giuen
your knowledge, any where else, but in open Court, contrary to the
106. Canon. Sentence giuen
in open Court.

6 Item, whether is there any in your Parish, that after Sentence of
separation from Bed and Board, hath contracted Matrimony with
other person during each others life. Marriage after
Separation.

Of Ministers.

7 Item, whether your Parson, Vicar or Curate be a preacher, and
by whom is he licensed, and of what degree of schoole is he. Ministers
degree.

8 Item, vnto whom doth the Patronage of your parish Church be-
long, and by whose right did your Minister come in therunto. Patron.

9 Item, what is your Parsonage, Vicaridge, or Cure of your parish
Church worth one yeare with another by the common estimate. Value.

10 Item, how many Communicants are there of, within, and be-
longing vnto your Parish. Communi-
cants.

FINIS.

Thurs wardant and summon
you an to be at the visitation at
Blanford on Thursday the xxv
September next